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TO YOU THAT ARE CALLED ANABAPTISTS IN THE NATION OF IRELAND

Teachers and People, who profess your selves to be the Church of Christ; This is the word of the Lord God unto You.

YOu are gathered and not in the Spirit of Jesus, nor in the Light of Christ, nor in the power of God; you are separated but not in the truth, nor in the ground; for the defiled and uncircumcised nature of the world stands alive in you, & you are in the uncrucified estate, in the dominion of death; & under the power of sin: pride, covetousness, hypocrisie, vainglory, and the workes of the flesh abound among you; to the Light in you which Christ hath lightned you with all, I doe speake, which shall beare witness for me herein; and against you in the day of the Lord which suddenly comes upon you and all the world, who are not in the Light and power of God: you are bowing down to the Image in the fained hippocrisie, of what the Saints Injoyed and witnessed in the life & power of God: you never came truly through the ministration of *Moses* which reveales wrath upon the uncircumcised, nor you never came to the ministration of *John*, who is a burning Light and brings down the mountaines, and prepares the way of the Lord before his face, but you are in your taken out observances from the Letter, as the Jews were, but gainsayers and opposers the life of God as they did, and in that nature you stand which put Christ to death, who doth not own the Light whereby he lighteth

eth every man that comes into the world, though him & his words and Ordinances you profeſs, and performes your own Immitations, in your fleſhly wills, and not the worſhip of God in the Spirit, and in the truth, for the truth you are ſtrangers too: which the divell nor the wicked abides not in, and are alienated in your mindes from the way and councell of the living God, and hath but the name that you live; and are dead in treſpaſſes & in ſins, and the Jmage of God doth not live in you, and you have but the forme of godlineſs in your ſenſuall underſtandings, in that wiſdome which is diveliſh; & your dead mindes are exerciſed in the forme without the power, in vaine ſhewes in ſet dayes and in ſet obſervances, glorying in the fleſh, ſeeking and receiving praiſe of men, and is but as the Jew, outward whoſe houſe of worſhip and ſacrifice is left deſolate and you know not the pure moveings and leadings of the pure ſpirit of the Lord God to rule you, and to teach you in the way of peace, becauſe you doe not beleeve in the Light which Chriſt Jeſus hath lightned you and every man in the world withall, but doth gainſay it, and ſtrive againſt it, in your high thoughts, and Imaginations to your own condemnation in the ſight of God: who are wiſe in your own conceits, and Righteous in your own Eye, and meaſures your ſelves and not with the rule of Judgement. But this is the condemnation of you, & al the world that light is come & hath ſhined in your darke hearts, but darknes and the workes thereof is loved rather then the light, you ſay you are not of the world; but what doe you differ from it, in Doctrine, or in Worſhip, or in Converſation: doth not pride and vanity, and ſelfe ſeeking, rule in many of you? yea, to your ſhame might I mention the abominations which I have ſeen among you; who often beheld your devotions, to the unknown God, and was an Eye witneſs of your Idolitries, and even while you profeſt to be gathered out of the world, you are wallowing in its filthineſs, and drinking deeply of its polutions, in envie, in wrath, and in bitterneſs, and in all eivill, not like members of the body of Chriſt; but may juſtly be Judged many of you to be the Sinagogues of Satan; who ſay you are members of Chriſt and are not, for you are tried and are found

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wanting before the Lord, and your Paſtors & Teachers, they goe before you and are examples in Iniquity, unto you, and are guilty of your tranſgreſſion, and you of theirs, for you hold them up, and loves to have theſe things ſo; and they through lies, and lightneſs cauſes you to erre.

And ſo the blinde leads the blinde till you both fall into the ditch of perdition: and they may be aſhamed, of you who are in ignorance, and blindneſs of heart, who have not learned the way of truth and righteouſneſs, nor come to the knowledge of God; nor denied your ſelves and ſins, and you may be aſhamed of them, who are as they that feed themſelves with the fat, and not the flocke, & that through Covetouſneſs by fained words, makes marchandiſe of Soules: and goes for gifts, and rewards, as *Balaam*, and while they Condemne others for hirelings, are manyfold guilty themſelves therein, & to be Condemned & Judged, with the Light of Chriſt Jeſus; witneſs ſome of your chiefeſt Paſtors and Teachers, at *Dublin*, at *Limbricke*, and at *Corke*, and at many places elſe where in *Ireland*; ſome having a hundred pounds a yeare, & others more or leſs, to their ſhame let this be told, and to their Condemnation in the Light of God, & all that know him who are hippocriticall in crieing againſt others for that whereof themſelves are guilty, and are an ill ſavor and a reproach to ſome of their own Brethren; and a ſhame to Religion and to all that profeſs faith in the Goſpell of Chriſt; and are out of the example, of all the Appoſtles and Miniſters of Chriſt: who freely recived and freely gave, and did not ſeeke and receive maintenance from the powers of the Earth, but Preached the Goſpell, and lived of the Goſpell, & eate of the fruit of the vinyard which they had planted. But your Paſtors are in the example of the falſe Brethren, who taught for filthy Lucar and with faigned words beguiled the ſimple, and while you have been zealous to pull drown the Epiſcopall Prieſts; you have exalted your ſelues in their Seates, ſome of you in the ſame Temples; with Large aditions (by oppreſſions) to their maintenances, and hath the wages of unrighteouſneſs as *Balaam*, and goes for gifts & rewards; and is not this a ſhame to you to be laid to your charge,

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appearing more vile in deepe hippocrisie then your predecessors, in publique prophanes; to the Light in your Consciences I speake, which shall witnes this to be true in the presence of God, who Condemns al your workes and worships in that nature acted: who worships in your Carnall mindes, in the Idols temples, some of you as the Priests of the world doe, upholding the worship of the beast, under another name, & you are as bitter and envious, in blind zeale as the prophane world: against any that differs from you in Iudgement, or that comes among you to declare the word of the Lord; witnes at *Dublin*, *Kilkenny*, *Corke*, and else where, where the Servants of the Lord were halled out of your Assemblies and evill entreated, with mockings and cruell words, to your shame for ever may this be rehersed: who while you profes a separation from the world, are one with it in wickednes, as in lieing, slandering, false accusing, reproaching and promise breaking, witnes at *Waterford* and else where; whose lies and eivill speeches, might evidently be declared, to your shame, and of those with many other of your Abominations, which I have seen in you, I am a witnes against, and your Iniquities are not found upon secret search only: but openly in all those things, & hereby in the presents of the living God I doe warne you, of the righteous Judgements of the Just God, who hath seen and taken notice of your hippocrisie & naughtynes, and desemulation with God and Men, and that uprightnes which once was in you, have you betrayed for selfe ends and earthly intrests, & have set up your selves in places of honor, and are not in the light nor life of God, but enemies to the light of Iesus Christ; where with he lighteth every man that comes into the world; & you are out of Church order, in the confusion of your own hearts, in divers oppinions, and not of one heart and minde, but stumbles at the light; and rejects the foundation, and hath hearts and cannot understand: your understandings being shut up from the knowledge of the truth, gainsaying the Councell of the Lord in your sensuall wisdome, and opposing the way of truth to your own confounding, witnes at *Waterford*, *Corke*, and other places, where some of you were taken in your own craftines, to your shame, when you set

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your ſelves againſt the Lord, and ioyned your ſelves with the wicked, & be came one with the Prieſts, in oppoſing the life and power of truth, as *Herod* and *Pilot*, became friends in the perſecuting of Jeſus; where you uttered forth much blindneſs, and parverted the Scriptures to your own Confoundings, as many can witneſs, now theſe things I write, not altogether to ſhame you, but rather to reprove them in you; that you may reade and Conſider, and repent and may turne from your dead Idoll worſhip, and hippocritticall Teachers and falſe wayes, to ſerve and worſhip the Living God in the newneſs of the ſpirit, and in the power of truth in it ſelfe, and noe more may ſeeke the Kingdome of God in obſervances, for it comes not with outward obſervances ſaith Chriſt: but the Kingdom of Heaven is within you, to be revealed in the light and truth in all that beleeve in the light of the world.

Therefore be cauſe you are gathered to gether, and not by the ſpirit of the Lord, nor in the Light, you ſhall be broken and your Alters of Immittations, and vaine Traditions, ſhall be thrown downe and you into Confuſion ſhall be turned, for you have the Saints words, and practiſes, but the life you are without; and the ſpirit that gave forth the Scriptures you have not received, with which the Scripture is only underſtood: but you take on things in your own wills, and performes a ſacrifice which is not regarded of the Lord.

How proud are ſome of you, and how vaine glorious, and how covetous and ſelfe ſeeking, of the glory of this world, giving and ſeeking honor of men, not like members of Chriſts body, but of an harlot; not like them that take up the dayly Croſs of Chriſt, or that deny the world: but as them that ſeeke after it; and layes up Treaſure in it, who ſeekes the praiſes of men, as much as the praiſe of God; And gives and receives honor one of another; as the *Gentiles*, and ſeekes not the honor that comes from God only; and ſo are out of the Covenant of Life, and out of the bond of Peace, in ſtrife & contention, and falſe oppinions, and Judgements, and out of the power of God in the Forme and Likeneſs of things without Life, profeſſing the Scriptures in the ſpirit of Error, and your Miniſtry be gets into the forme and not into the power of Righteouſneſs, and

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differs not from the miniſtry of the world in the ground, but is death and reapes not the Life, to bring any unto God.

Woe unto you hippocrits, the mighty day of the Lord, is coming upon you, and your deſolation comes as an armed man, the witneſs of God in your Conſciences is mine, and to it I ſpeake, it heares my voyce and ſhall anſwer for me, and againſt you, in the day of recompence, therefore to the light of Chriſt Jeſus, which he hath given you, turne in your mindes, your workes of darkneſs it will reprove and make manifeſt, and be not ſtout hearted neither count your ſelves unworthy of eternall life: come downe and ſit in the duſt, and ceaſe from your Idols, and from your imitations, and lay down your Crownes at the feet of Jeſus; who is the Light of the world, and lighteth every man that comes into the World; if you love it, you will bring your deeds to it; it will let you ſee your owne Conditions, into which you are fallen from the Life of God, through diſobedience and are in the tranſgreſſion and not reconciled to God; for that enmity ſtands in you againſt him, above the ſeed of God, & the dayly Croſs you doe deſpiſe, and are in your plaſures and vanities, and knowes not the Covenant of peace and reſt, where the Saints dwell; wherefore bow down your uncircumciſed eare, to the Light: and let the Lord God ſearch your hearts with his Light, and it will diſcover to you the way in which you ought to walke; and that which you ought to denie: And this Light is your way to Chriſt and to the Baptiſme of Chriſt, where the cleane water is received, which waſheth a way Sin, and the bread of Life is received which nuriſheth up unto God, and unto eternall Life; & in the Light you will receive the true ſatisfaction to your Soules, and of the Lord you will receive teaching, in the ſpirit from him; who is that Miniſter of the Covenant of Life, and here is your way out of the world; and into the pure ſeparation from its wayes, and workes, and nature, into the fellowſhip of Chriſt Jeſus: and one with another which is in the Light, and in the truth, which noe uncleane thing hath any part in; But the Liars, and the Proude, and the Covetous, and the vaine glorious, ſhall have their portion in the Lake, that burnes in the Indignation of God,

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Wherefore, awake awake, ye that sleep in the darke night of Ignorance; Heare ye deafe, and Looke ye blinde, the day of the Lord cometh upon you, and the Pretious from the Vile will he separate; by his everlasting word of Judgement, and in Love to all your Soules; This is a warning from the Lord and is the word of the Lord God unto you, whether you will heare or forbeare, and with the Light in all your Consciences, this shall be witnessed when your Judgement is read, and remember you are warned in your life time.

By a friend and Lover of all your Soules, but a witnesse against all your deceits.

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